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{3 months later}

"I have just received information that King Tasian has agreed to attend the Universal Peace Conference that is being held in a few days on Earth." Keith began to brief everyone present on the situation. It just so happens that we have been invited to attend the conference as the guests of honor. So, while we are there I will pay Tasian a little visit."

"So instead of him coming to us we are going to come to him?" Lance frowned at Keith, I have just one question for you. Who is going to be flying the Blue lion?"

"What do you mean Lance? I am going to be flying my lion!" Allura glared at Lance.

"Cassie will be flying Blue lion. Allura is staying home where she and our babies are safe." Keith stated flatly daring Ally to disagree with him.

"How dare you make a decision like that without even asking me!!"

Allura shouted at him.

"You are eight months pregnant with our babies! You are staying home and that is final!!"

"Can I at least come with you in Black Lion?" Allura looked at Keith with pleading eyes.

"Sweetheart you are carrying triplets and need to stay here at home where it is safe in the castle." Keith tried to reason with her.

"Triplets!!" Lance, Cassie and Pidge all stared at Keith and Allura in shock.

"I'm perfectly fine Keith! I need to at least be with you at the peace conference! If I cannot fly my lion then I can still be there with you and the team!" Allura shouted at him.

"You are off the team until after the babies are born and that is final!" Keith put his foot down.

"Damn you Keith! This is not fair!" She shouted angrily at him as she pushed herself up to her feet and stalked out of the room.

"Way to go by brother, you really made a mess of that situation!" Cassie snapped.

"It had to happen sooner or later," Lance sighed grabbing Cass by her shoulders.

"Well, what is done is done and I am not going to change my mind, She is going to stay here in the castle where I know she will be safe." Keith went to continue briefing his team. "The bottom line here is that we are going to the conference for two reasons; To get some answers and to give Tasian a friendly warning."

"Yeah, we've got the idea, now go find Allura and calm her down, after all you know what she does after someone forbids her to do anything." Pidge reminded Keith about Ally's stubborn streak.

"Noâ€| she wouldn't. "Keith groaned. "Koran, its Keith, are all the lions accounted for?"

"Yes is something wrong Keith? "

"Just checking Koran, inform me if anyone tries to start or access Blue Lion." "Koran nodded and ended the call.

Keith then accessed the main security channel of the castle's defense network. "Castle security this is Keith, I want guards posted around Blue Lion at all times. The Queen is not to be allowed near it. Is that understood? " Keith ordered the guards.

"Yes sire! " The man saluted and then ended the call.

"Keith do you honestly think that keeping her from the lion will work?" Lance asked skeptically.

"No, but it will make her believe that I mean business." Keith then stalked from the room and went in search of his wife.

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"Your daddy can be such a pain in the rear sometimes! I would never put you in any danger!" She rubbed her swollen belly and one triplet kicked her in response.

"Oh no. "She winced as she was kicked a few more times, while another baby began to do a somersault in her womb." "I woke you up."

"Allura? Are you calmed down enough to talk about this or are you going to scream at me some more?" Keith asked sticking his head into the open doorway, half expecting her to throw something at him.

"Sweetheart are you okay?" Keith ran into the room when he saw her wincing in pain.

"I'm fine Keith, but our argument woke up the babies." She sat in her rocker and began to rock them to sleep. "I really think we may have some budding soccer players developing in here."

Keith swept her up into his arms and carried her over to their bed. "Maybe I can calm them down." he grinned at her.

"No way Keith, they like it when you talk to them. I want them to nap so that they won't be awake all night long again!"

Keith had his ear up against her belly and was kicked by one baby. "Ouch, that one had to hurt."

"It's just a slight twinge every once in a while." she sighed.

"Listen here you three, your Mommy is going to take a nap with me so I want you to go back to sleep." he growled at her tummy.

"I don't believe it! They are actually going back to sleep." Allura relaxed against the mound of pillows stacked behind her. "Tell me the truth Keith, why can't I go with you?" she whimpered softly.

"Do you honestly think that you would be able to sit for hours at the peace conference in your delicate condition?" Keith pulled her closer to him so that she was curled up against his chest.

"Are you are saying that I am too fat to go with you? I cannot help it if I am as big as a house!" she pouted.

"You are not fat love, only round with our little miracles growing inside you. I just don't think that you need to be the focus of the media right now. You do not need that kind of stress. I will only be gone for two days. I also need to check in with Dad, he thinks that I don't need him anymore." Keith pulled the covers over them.

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(Elsewhere on the planet Triton)

Sheena and Hunk are trying to find out what Tasian's next move is going to be.

"Red, no offense or anything, but I'm use to preventing others from committing crimes." he watched her break into Rand's deserted compound with an electronic skeleton key.

"Please big guy, we are only trying to prevent what happened to Myria from happening again. We need to find out Tasian's ultimate plan." Sheena skulked around the base.

Hunk watched as she keyed up Tasian's agenda on the main screen. "He plans to use the peace conference as a trap, for Keith." Sheena read the data on the screen.

"What else?" Hunk frowned.

"He knows about Allura and the babies that she is carrying, but don't worry big guy. If we have to, we will move her to a safer location that not even Keith will know about." Sheena downloaded the data to a micro-disc.

"Let's hope that it doesn't come to that." Hunk noticed that Lotor's name was on Tasian's agenda and he began to swear fluently for over ten minutes.

"What's wrong?" Sheena watched as Hunk Slamed his fist into the monitor.

"He plans on freeing Lotor!"

"So, Lotor isn't our problem, but trashing Tasian's plan is." Sheena frowned at him.

"So, we won't go to the conference. That way everyone is safe. I can't believe that he is going to try to free Lotor! He's on trial on Hazar's planet, plus he's still unable to move."

"First rule of the ninja, never count out an enemy, until they are no longer living." she smiled at him.

"As for moving Allura to a safer location without even telling Keith where she is, that is like pulling the lion by his tail." Hunk followed her out of the base and towards their shuttle.

Sheena stopped at the foot of the shuttle and winked at him. "That's exactly what I'm counting on handsome, anger activates the system. In Keith's case he is strong enough to keep it in check." she tried to explain.

"The system?"

"It's what dad used to call earning the rank of Shadow Master."

"What does that have to do with Keith? He isn't a ninja Sheena?"

"Did he or did he not master everything at the academy before any of you did?" she climbed into the shuttle.

"Yeah, but the General was his old man, he molded Keith into what he is now." Hunk climbed in after her and sat down in the pilot seat.

"Did you ever once think that a kid from Earth could master all those things on the first try?"

"Keith wasn't like the rest of us, he was always business first fun later." Hunk lifted off and headed for Arus. _* I can't believe what I'm hearing!* _Hunk thought to himself.

"What happened when he got angry or had to go into a fight?"

"He goes into automatic, unless one of us is in trouble." Hunk growled.

"What belt rank did he hold in martial arts?"

"He was a master by the age of 10yrs, he knew way more than all of us did back at the academy."

"How do you explain that, Big Guy?" Sheena grinned at him.

"I guess we all thought that it came naturally to him." Hunk sighed.

"Did he ever play any tricks on you boys?" Sheena remembered how much fun she and the prince had hiding from her father, when they were little.

"He used to play a weird version of hide and seek, only I can't remember finding him, not even once. Hell none of us could." Hunk chuckled as he remembered how mad Lance would get at Keith.

"We never really figured out why. Jeff called it Keith's magic vanishing act."

"Didn't you think that it was strange that he excelled in the martial arts, could master anything he set his mind to, could stay completely unnoticed in front of all his friends, and is always calm when in major situations, unless he is in an angry rage?"

"You mean to tell me that, he is one of you?" Hunk stared at her completely dumbfounded by their conversation.

"Was one of us." Sheena whispered. "He was like a son to my father, his finest student. When his ship crashed it devastated my father and he died in battle after underestimating the enemy six months after Keith's crash. Leaving me to pick up the pieces and begin the training to take his place in Oran's forces. That is when I realized that it did not matter how I felt about filling my fathers shoes, but that it was my destiny to carry on what my family had carried on for countless generations." her voice had turned very bitter.

"I was the best and I proved to everyone, that I was honored to carry on the family tradition." tears burned behind her closed eyelids.

"How old were you?" Hunk had set the craft on auto pilot, so that he could focus on what she said to him.

"I was ten when I really began to train, and sixteen when I took command."

"You were a kid Sheena! How could they do that to a kid?" he snarled angrily.

"Hunk I was five foot ten, it wasn't like I was tiny and frail!" Sheena broke down into tears for the first time in years.

"You were a kid, sweetheart. A very tall little girl, but still a little girl! I don't care if you were a master or not! They shouldn't have done that to you!" Hunk pulled her onto his lap.

"I used to watch Cassie when she was little and how she always got to have all the fun, while I was stuck in class or nonstop training exercises." Sheena buried her face against his shoulder and let herself cry.

"I'm so sorry babe, I bet no one knew how you really felt." Hunk rocked her in his arms.

"No, only one person knew how I felt and that person was Keith. He was always a buffer between my father and I. When Keith was killed everyone was hurting too much, to see how it affected me about my best friend being dead. He doesn't even remember our friendship, Hunk! That hurts most of all!" she sobbed.

"That's not true Sheena, deep down in his heart he still remembers your friendship. It's just that he hasn't had any peace since he got home from his honeymoon." Hunk used his thumb to wipe away her tears.

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Keith tossed and turned in his sleep as he dreamed of what must have been, his childhood.

"Tell your Dad how you feel, about all this." ten year old Keith told his best friend.

"I can't do that, Keith! My big brother took off and I'm all that he has left!" Sheena sighed in defeat.

"Either you tell him or I will, when I get back from my trip to Earth." he was not about to drop the subject. "It's not like I would actually decide to attend their stupid academy. The only reason that I even agreed to go is because it will keep my dad off my back for a while." he growled.

"Your temper is going to get you in trouble, if you do not learn to control it." Sheena reminded him.

"Like your dad doesn't lecture me enough about my temper." Keith rolled his eyes in disgust at Sheena. "I beat your older brother before he left, and I excel at anything I try, so why mess with perfection."

"Please!! Enough with the High and Mighty prince routine!! Save it for those who see you as a stuck up spoiled brat." Sheena glared at him.

"A brat is my five year old baby sister and the new baby that Mom is going to have! I am not like my parents and I earned my rank fair and square!" Keith glared back at her.

"The rank of shadow master, I still can't believe that you actually did it!" Sheena tackled him to the grass.

"Yes but something is still missing and you must find out what it is?" Keith muttered out loud what her father had told him.

"What does that mean?"

"Prince Keith? The shuttle awaits your arrival." her father came outside to inform him.

"Bye Redwood see ya in a few days!" Keith ran out of the courtyard and back into the palace. "Bye master."

"Father? What did you mean when you said that to him?" Sheena was curious.

"Nothing, child now let us both go inside and get something to eat for dinner."

Keith's dream once again went back to that horrible day when his shuttle crashed on Earth, only this time he knew why he had been going there. He woke up in a cold sweat, as the puzzle pieces began to fall into place in his mind. \_\*My life has been one big lie!\*\_ his voice screamed in his mind.

"Dad had wanted exactly what the General had wanted, the ultimate soldier!!!" Keith snarled under his breath.

He eased himself out of Allura's arms and left her sleeping in bed. "Cass I want to talk with you." he used his wrist Com to contact his sister.

"Now?" came Cass's reply.

"Now!" he snarled back.

"What's wrong big brother? You seem really upset?"

"Just meet me in the War room in five minutes."

"Sure thing big brother."

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Keith paced the war he waited for his sister's arrival. "Why would he have me train with Red unless he wanted me to be some kind of Warrior Prince." Keith muttered to himself.

"What is the big emergency!?" Cass gasped she has run all the way back to the castle from the stables.

"Sit down Cassandra." Keith ordered softly.

Cass eyed her brother with wary eyes. "What did I do now?" she sat down in one of the chairs..

"How much do you know about my childhood?"

"Why? What is wrong Keith?"

"Just answer the question." Keith sat down in front of his sister.

"I only know a little about what I remember about you, but Daddy talked about you all the time."

"How do I know Sheena?"

"Daddy use to refer to her as your partner in crime. Mom says that the two of you had been the best of friends from the time that you both could crawl."

"Go on."

"Daddy wanted you to learn how to defend yourself and you wanted to learn what Sheena was being taught, so you became Master Lee's prize student. He became a sort of second father to youâ€¦" She didn't want to say anymore.

"I have to know everything." he reached over and grasped her hands with his. "I need this Cass." His amber brown eyes pleaded with her to understand.

"Well, you and Sheena were always close, almost inseparable, and at the age of ten you had advanced to the skill of Shadow Warrior. When your ship crashed and you were considered dead it nearly destroyed Sheena and her father. He died a few months after your death, he underestimated one of his opponents during a major battle." Cass saw the tears streaming down her brother's face and wished that she could do anything to ease his pain.

"What happened to Sheena?" he whispered hoarsely.

"She was chosen to fill her fathers shoes and underwent intensive training. No one seemed to care if she wanted the job or not."

"She was ten years old, Cassandra!! She didn't even want to be a ninja!!" Keith roared furiously.

"She was exactly like her father and was a force to be reckoned with by the time that she was 16." Cass tried to explain.

"That is still no excuse!!! She was still a kid!! I do not give a damn how good she was!!" Keith snarled bitterly remembering how the General had put him into the academy.

"I think that all the training that you had when you were a kid saved you in that crash."

Lance took that moment to come stalking into the room

"There you are! I have been waiting for you, at the stables for over an hour!!" Lance growled.

"My big brother is more important than my date with you!" Cass glared back at him.

Lance finally noticed how upset that Keith was and let the basket that he was carrying drop to the floor. "I can see that Cassandra, but why is he so upset?"

"He is finally getting his memory back."

"Is this a good thing or a really bad thing?" Lance frowned arching a brow at his friend.

"I now know why I breezed through the academy the way I did." Keith snarled.

"And?"

"I was trained by Sheena's father."

"That would explain all those years ago when we were attending the academy." Lance nodded.

"All of those years thinking that, the General turned me into whom I am and now I learn that it was what my father wanted all my life!!!"

"That's not true Keith!! Daddy loved you and would never do anything like that to you!!!" Cassie shouted at him.

"Didn't he? I was on my way to the academy when my ship crashed. I bet that they both planned this!!!" Keith snarled bitterly.

"That doesn't matter Keith you are your own man now." Lance put a comforting hand on his friend's shoulder.

"I am going to show my father's exactly what I think of their master plan!!" Keith stood up shrugging off Lance's attempt to console him. "Are Hunk and Sheena back yet?!"

"No they haven't come back yet and quit taking this all out on me!!" Lance snarled at him.

"This isn't going to help big brother." Cassie could see that he was about to do something very rash.

"Let me say this to the two of you as calmly as I can. If Hunk is not back here in 24hrs, I will quit the Alliance and Voltron!! Now if you two will both excuse me I am going to go find my wife!!!" he stalked out of the room.

"WE HAVE TO FIND HUNK!!!" Lance and Cassie both bolted for the door.

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"Myria you have been cooped up in the castle for over three months

now!! It is past time that you entered the land of the living again!!" Pidge ordered the girl curled up on her window seat.

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\_\*Why won't he just leave me alone!!!\*\_ "Go away Pidge I am not ready to take that final step yet, so stop pushing me!!!" she snapped at him.

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\_\*Oh no you don't brat!\*\_ "Myria either you get up off that window seat or I will carry you out of here myself!!" Pidge stalked over to her.

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\_\*You wouldn't dare!!!\*\_ "Don't come near me Pidge!!" She hissed blinked back the tears of frustration burning behind her closed eyelids.

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\_\*Don't push me baby doll.\*\_ "I mean it Myr, get up or else."

"No!!" she screamed at him.

"You have until the count of three." Pidge growled down at her.

"Get out of here!!" she screamed.

"One"

"I mean it Pidge leave!!"

"Two"

"Leave me alone you big bully!"

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\_\*Don't be stubborn Myria\*\_ "Three!! Either you move your tush off that cushion or I will move you myself!"

She glared defiantly back at him and did not move.

"You asked for it Myria." He gathered her up into his arms.

"Let me go!!" She screamed trying to wriggle out of his arms as he carried her out of her room.

"Relax Myria, this isn't so bad. Just try to enjoy the ride." he grinned down at her.

"Where are you taking me!" she hissed up at him.

"We are going on a picnic by the lake , but don't worry Sheena's men

are never far away from you, so you are safe baby doll." He wiped away a tear from her cheek.

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\_\*I am so scared!\*\_ "I just do not want him to hurt me again." she whimpered burying her face against his chest as he carried her outside.

"I will not let anyone hurt you ever again." Pidge set her down on a blanket shaded by a tent on the castle lawn.

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\_\*Yeah right!!\*\_ "Don't make me any promises that you won't be able to keep. You couldn't stop him before and you can't stop him now!!" she snapped at him crossing her arms across her chest.

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\_\*Easy Pidge she is just frustrated\*\_ "That may be so , Myr, but Keith has you under guard 24hrs a day. So try and relax and enjoy the afternoon." he fixed her a plate of food.

"Like that makes me feel any safer!!!" She snatched away the plate.

"Keep this up and we will ship you back home." he warned.

"Like that is supposed to scare me?"

"Shaitan is on trial, Myria."

"You win Pidge, at least for now." she gave up and focused on eating her lunch.

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"Keith? What did you just ask Liam to bring you?" Allura rubbed the small of her back and frowned at him.

"I just asked him to bring me a list of where Hunk and Sheena were last seen." Keith never looked up from his computer consul.

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*Why won't you talk to me about what is obviously eating you alive!!* "That's funny, because I heard you say something about a red something or other and then he bowed to you." she sensed that he was hiding something from her.

"Well, I have decided to change my look." He kept on punching keys on the keyboard.

Talk to me!! "What kind of change?" she sat down beside him.

"I've decided that I need a more lethal look, after all it will fit my new image a lot better than my old uniform." he explained to her

in a soft and calm tone of voice.

"Talk to me Keith Michael Edwards!! What is wrong with you?!!" Allura asked worriedly.

"Wrong? There isn't anything wrong with me. I have my entire memory now. I now know that I have always been some sort of pawn on someone's chessboard and that isn't even the best part yet. I am also a trained ninja and have been since I was ten years old!" Keith never once looked at Allura as he spoke to her. "You see Ally, even if I hadn't died in that crash and became the General's ultimate soldier, my own father was already planning to do the same thing to me!!"

"Oh Keith! I am so sorry, but it doesn't matter. Now you are free to be yourself with me and our babies." she had tears shining in her eyes.

"I know that, sweetheart, but I still feel like a pawn! Whenever something goes wrong the Alliance always runs to me first, as if it is my duty to save everyone!!" tears of frustration burned in his eyes.

"What are you saying Keith?"

"I am saying that I am sick of war, of the General using me to fight his battles, and that from now on I am going to be my own boss. Let them try to fight their own battles for once, Voltron is going to remain here on Arus where he belongs." Keith pulled her into his lap.

"So you're not going to be going to the peace conference?" Ally wrapped her arms around his neck.

"Let me put it to you this way, hon. The next time they need me to help them it will be on my own terms." he ended their conversation by kissing her.

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"Lance have you found Hunk yet?" Cassie raced into the control room.

"No it's like the two of them vanished. Did you ask Liam where they went?"

No, but Liam kept saying that Keith asked him for either a red or black uniform and that Sheena was going to love it now that Keith has finally gotten back his memory." Cassie frowned at Lance.

Lance read the message that Keith had sent to his adopted father, "I really don't think that we are at anyone's beck and call anymore Cass."

"What do you mean by that Lance? Aren't you still Galaxy Alliance officers?"

"Not anymore, I think that Voltron just went freelance. He resigned the entire team from the Alliance! Yes!!!! We're free!!" Lance shouted happily.

"You mean that you're not angry that he did this?"

"Angry? I'm over joyed that he finally put his foot down!" Lance kissed her soundly on the mouth.

"Shouldn't we tell Pidge and Myria about this?" she asked breathlessly.

"Computer locate a visual on Pidge." Lance burst out laughing when Pidge's image appeared on the monitor.

"I don't believe it!! He actually got my baby sister out of the castle!!" Cassie grinned at Lance.

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\_\*Way to go little buddy\*\_ "She sure doesn't look very happy about her first taste of freedom in months." Lance grinned at the frown on Myria's face.

"How about we tell them about this later and go back to our quarters to celebrate your newly acquired freedom."

"I second the motion." he swept her up into his arms and carried her out of the control room.

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"Well, we're home, now where is everyone?" Sheena frowned as they entered the quiet castle control room.

"Well, according to the castle computer Lance and Cass are in their quarters, Keith and Ally are in their quarters and Pidge and Myr are out by the lake." Hunk glanced over at Sheena who was reading something on another monitor.

"Keith must have his memory back, because he resigned all of you from the Alliance." Sheena winked at him.

"What did you say?" Hunk eyed her in disbelief.

"Arus is now a diplomatic member and nothing more."

"Why wasn't I told about any of this!!?" Hunk snarled.

"Well big guy, you did leave Arus with me. You didn't even tell Keith where you were going and we have been gone for over a month." Sheena reminded him.

"Oh Man!!! Keith is going to kill me!" Hunk groaned as he placed a call to Keith's quarters.

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"Keith?" Allura groaned as their Tele-com began to beep on the nightstand.

"What?" Keith growled pulling her to him for a long kiss.

"Answer the Tele-com.."

"Let it ring..."

"Behave yourself and answer the Tele-com! They are not going to go away until you answer it!"

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\_\*This had damn well better be important!\*\_ "This had better be good or you are dead!" Keith snarled at the image on the small screen.

"Sorry to bother you, but I just thought that I should check in." Hunk said sheepishly.

"Oh you just thought that you should check in did you?!! I've got a news flash for you Lt.!!! You never even bothered to check out with me!!!" Keith snarled at Hunk causing Allura's little ones to react to their fathers voice.

"Um darling? Please calm down you are waking up the babies." Allura groaned as she was kicked again.

"Hold it for a second Hunk." he turned his attention to his wife. "It's okay little ones, your daddy is just a little upset with your Uncle Hunk. So just close your little eyes and go back to sleep." Keith spoke directly to Allura's belly, kissing it when he was done talking to the babies.

"Yes listen to your father and give your poor mom a break!" Allura sighed in relief when the babies fell back to sleep.

"Everything okay now sweetheart?" he asked kissing Ally on the cheek.

"Sure darling, but I think that I will go relax in a bubble bath, while you finish yelling at Hunk." she crawled out of bed and waddled towards the master bath.

"Now where was I.... Oh yeah, where the hell have you been and why haven't you even tried to check in with us?!!" Keith shouted angrily at the screen.

"Sheena and I went undercover to find out what Tasian was up to. So, we really couldn't phone home." Hunk waited for him to lose it again.

"In that case, good job, but if next time tell someone where you are going!!"

"Can I hang up now?"

"I will see you in the morning and we will talk. Oh yeah, bring the Redwood with you." he chuckled when he heard Sheena screaming at him that he was a dead man. "That's the Sheena that I remember."

"I am glad that you have finally gotten your memory back Keith Michael, because you are going to need all you're training when I get my hands on you!!" Sheena glared at him.

"Sure Red see ya tomorrow morning." Keith ended the call.

"Keith? Are you done yet? We're lonely in this big tub without you." Allura called to him from the bathtub.

"Coming Angel!" Keith went to go join his wife.

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[Later on that evening on the castle lawn]

"Well Myria, are you still mad that I made you come outside today?" Pidge asked the girl sitting beside him.

"Thank you Pidge for a wonderful day! Now can I please go back inside the castle!" Myria glared at him.

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*Not until I show you your surprise* "What's your hurry Myr, besides I have a surprise for you." He grinned over at her.

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*What are you up to?* "Surprise? What could I possibly see out here in the dark?" she snapped.

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*You'll see* "This!" Pidge flipped a lever on the little box in his palm. (igniting his surprise fireworks display.)

"Fireworks!!" Myria exclaimed happily and hugged him.

"I thought that this might cheer you up." he was surprised that she was letting him hold her.

"My own private fireworks display!"

"Do you like your surprise?" he growled in her ear.

"No one has ever put a fireworks display only for me before!" she turned in his arms and gave him a big kiss.

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*She kissed me!* "Myria?"

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*Gotcha ya!* "Yes?" she sighed happily.

"You just kissed me."

"I know that." she smiled looking up at the sky.

"Why?"

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_ *And they call you a genius!*_ "Cause I wanted to kiss you, didn't you like the kiss?" she smiled up at him.

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_ *Easy Pidge don't scare her*_ "No, I liked the kiss. It just took me by surprise." he pulled closer to him.

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_ *Kiss me!*_ "If you liked the kiss, then why didn't you kiss me back?"

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_ *Oh boy!*_ "I....um...didn't think that you wanted me to kiss you back." he was completely thrown by Myria's sudden change of attitude.

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_ *Boy for someone so smart you can be really dense!*_ "Why don't you kiss me and find out." she challenged him.

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_ *What are you plotting now Myria?*_ "Are you sure about this Myria?" he frowned down at her.

"Very sure" she nodded.

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_ *Here goes nothing..*_ "Okay, but you have to promise that you won't slug me or anything."

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_ *Coward*_ "I promise." she giggled

"Your really sure..." she cut off his words by kissing him and only then did he finally kiss her back as the fireworks exploded in the sky above them.

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"These are amazing! I wonder who set them off?" Allura asked Keith who was sitting next to her on the castle lawn.

"Whoever did this sure knew what they were doing." Cassie leaned back in Lance's arms.

"This has to be the best fireworks displays that I have ever seen." Lance growled.

"The last time that we saw fireworks like this was at Keith and Ally's wedding." Hunk held Sheena in his arms.



"Didn't Pidge do those fireworks?" Keith grinned.

"Yeah, but why would he want to top that fireworks display?" Lance frowned.

"Myria loves fireworks." Cassie smiled.

"Where are Myria and Pidge?" Keith frowned at Lance.

"Down there by the lake." Sheena pointed to the tent.

Keith got up to his feet and then helped Allura up as well, "I'll go check on her, she is probably not too happy with him for taking her out of the castle."

"Have fun." Lance grinned as they continued to watch the colors light up the sky.

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[Earth: Galaxy Alliance Headquarters]

"My son did what?!!" Oran roared at Michael.

"Read this and see for yourself!" Michael thrust the message that Keith had sent him at Oran.

"Why? What set him off like this?!" Oran handed him back the message, which Michael crushed in his fist.

"What exactly were you expecting Oran!!!" Michael snarled.

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*Damn I should have told him!* "He was not supposed to react like this!"

"He thinks that I used him and that you were planning to use him to, Oran!" Michael poured himself a drink and then downed it in one swallow.

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*Is he that bitter towards us?* "That is insane! The only reason that I ever allowed him to learn the martial arts was because he needed to learn how to defend himself!" Oran took the glass that Michael offered to him and downed the fiery liquid. "He was the one who did not want to quit!"

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*Keith always was stubborn as a mule!* "Well I always thought that he should do what he excelled at and he was a natural at military protocol!"

"Which you used to your advantage every chance that you got!" Oran glared at him.

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_ *Don't blame this all on me!*_ "That may be true, but I put his abilities to good use! That is why he trained for Voltron! He took one look at Black Lion and knew that he was destined to lead Arus's Voltron Force!" Michael snarled in his defense.

"So now what do we do?"

"Now we fall into Tasian's trap and make our boy come back to his senses."

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_ *I have a very bad feeling about his plan!*_ "Either that or get killed ourselves! Tasian is not very sane Michael!" Oran growled running his fingers through his, sliver streaked raven black, hair in frustration.

"That is why I have Voltron one and Voltron two standing by near the moon base."

"We will be placing the lives of every leader in the universe in danger."

"True, but it's worth the risk if it teaches that fly boy of ours a lesson." Michael growled.

"He needs to learn that he should ask before jumping to any major conclusions." Oran agreed.

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[Back on Arus]

"Keith maybe we should just leave them both alone. I don't hear Myria screaming at him." Allura pulled frantically on his arm, before he could see the two teens kissing under the tent.

"Maybe she is just giving Pidge the cold shoulder." Keith frowned at her. "Are you okay, Hon? Is it the babies?" he asked worriedly trying not to panic.

"I'm fine Keith, I just think that they need some time alone." she chewed nervously on her lower lip.

"Honey, Pidge will not leave her side for five minutes. He even bunks, on a cot, beside her bed."

"Oh well, I give up!" Allura sighed in defeat. "Now darling, you have to promise me that you will not get upset." she frowned at him.

"What is going on Allura?" he arched an eyebrow at her.

"Turn around slowly, but remember not to get upset." she ordered already placing her hands over her ears.

"Why? What...IN THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE! PIDGE YOU HAVE THREE SECONDS TO LET GO OF MY BABY SISTER!!!" Keith roared down at them, but was shocked when the teens completely ignored him.

"Darling, I think that we may have a slight problem here." Allura smiled up at his stormy expression.

"She's barely 14 and he just turned 16 three weeks ago! She still wouldn't let me touch her, less than a month ago and now look at them!! They don't even know that we are even here!!" Keith glared down at his smiling wife.

"Think of it this way, darling, this is good practice for you." she patted her belly affectionately.

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\_\*I am not ready for this yet!\*\_ "Don't remind me." he groaned before he turned his attention back to the two teens. "You two are setting the record for the longest kiss on Arus." Keith growled into Pidge's ear, which caused Pidge finally to break the kiss.

"Keith!! Will you leave them alone!! They were only kissing and that is not a crime!" Allura snapped at him.

"I am 14 big brother and can kiss whomever I want!! I kissed Pidge first, so back off big brother!" Myria shouted at him.

"You did what!!?" Keith roared down at her.

"I kissed Pidge! I love Pidge and I plan to date Pidge!" she informed him.

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\_\*That does it I am out of here!\*\_ "I can't take this anymore. Do whatever you two want!" he was clearly on the verge of a nervous breakdown. "I'm sorry sweetheart, but I can't control my own sisters. How am I ever going to be a good father to our babies. I need time I just can't handle any of this right now." Keith vanished before their eyes.

"Are the two of you happy now!!!" Allura screamed at them. "You two have just scared off my..." Allura collapsed to the grass.

"Ally!!" Lance raced over to pick her up in his arms." We have to get her back inside!"

"What happened?" Cassie raced after Lance as he carried her back into the castle.

"I will go find Keith." Sheena went to go drag Keith back.

"Big brother flipped out." Myria whimpered as Allura was rushed to the castle med-wing.

"Panicked is more like it." Cassie groaned.

"You mean turned tail and ran!!!" Lance snarled.

"Are you saying that Keith is chicken when it comes to situations involving family members?" Pidge surmised as he glanced nervously down the empty corridor.

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\_\*If this doesn't make Keith appear nothing will!\*\_ "That is exactly what I am saying and this just proved it!" Lance snarled.

"No one calls me chicken and lives to tell about it!" Keith's angry growl echoed in the corridor.

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\_\*I'm dead!\*\_ "See it worked!" Lance gulped nervously.

"Keith knock it off! Allura passed out and needs you to pull yourself together!" Cassie shouted at her brother.

"Allura is resting and the babies are fine. Although Dr. Stevens has said that she is to have complete bed rest and no more stress." Keith appeared next to his sister.

Myria ran into her brothers arms, " I am so sorry that I made you flip out!" she sniffled.

"That's okay angel, but we are going to talk about this." he hugged her fiercely.

"Just don't treat me like a baby." she frowned up at him.

'Your highness!! There is an urgent message from Earth! The peace conference has been taken over by Tasian!" Liam handed Keith the message.

"That isn't possible Liam!! He would have had to have taken out both Voltron's!" Lance snarled.

"It seems that all of them fell into some sort of trap." Liam explained.

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\_\*What have I done!\*\_ \_"What are his demands?" Keith felt incredibly guilty.

"The release of his men, Princess Cassie and you." Liam snarled.

"Over my dead body!" Lance roared pulling Cassie closer to him.

"We need to use Voltron!" Hunk and Pidge growled.

"No Voltron. We wouldn't stand a chance against two Voltron's." Keith stalked down the corridor.

"How exactly do you plan to save all those leaders without using our ace in the hole!?" Lance stalked after him.

Keith was already forming a plan, " We will go in two separate units. Lance, Hunk, Pidge and Cass will go and free the moon base, thus freeing Voltron's one and two. While Sheena and myself take out Tasian on Earth."

"Do we take the Lion's?" Pidge frowned.

"I will land my lion on the dark side of Earth's moon. Where I will then meet Red and her team. We will then go to Earth and have everyone free before knows what hit him." Keith explained the plan.

"What about his demands?" Cassie frowned.

"We will free Rand in good faith, but that is all that we are going to give him." Keith reassured his sister.

"Rand is too much of a risk!" Sheena glared at Keith.

"Don't worry Red, we will have this little collar around his neck. He will find that he has lost his ability to breathe, if he so much as tries to warn his master." he held up a human size collar.

"Now that we have got that cleared up, when do we leave?" Lance was more than ready for a fight.

"We have 72 hours to comply with his demands. We will leave first thing tomorrow morning, so I suggest that you all try to get some sleep." Keith left them to go check on Allura.

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"Keith! No don't leave me!" Allura cried out in her sleep.

Keith crawled into bed and pulled her into his arms. "Shhâ€¦it's okay angel, I'm right here and I'm not going anywhere." Keith placed his hands protectively over her belly.

"Don't you ever do that to me again!!" Allura glared up into his eyes, but then kissed him until she was breathless.

"Yes your highness. Is there anything else?" Keith began to place kisses all over her face.

"What are you hiding from me?" she pushed him away from her, so that she could look him directly in the eyes. This unfortunately woke up the babies.

"That was a triple play, are you okay?" Keith rubbed her belly affectionately.

"Don't try to change the subject Keith Michael Edwards!! Talk to me or I hurt you!" she pounced on him.

"Sorry love but the doctor said no stress and complete bed rest." Keith groaned when she jabbed him in the ribs.

"Talk or I will get really upset." she looked as if she were about to burst into tears at any second.

"Tomorrow I am going to take you to Zaire. Where you are going to be pampered by my mom. While the team and I go save my Dad's. At the Peace conference." Keith gathered her closer to him and then drifted off to sleep.

"How long will you be?" Allura whimpered.

"A day maybe two at the most." Keith mumbled in his sleep.

"Be careful, I need a father for our babies." Allura whispered softly and kissed him.

"Always my love." Keith growled before sleep finally over took him.

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[On Earth]

"Keith is a fool if he does not comply with my demands! Bring me Oran and the General!" he snarled at one of his men.

"Rand has just been released from Zaire's prison." his aide came in to give his report.

"Just Rand?!" Tasian roared causing his aide to jump.

"Yes sire, just Rand." his aide gulped nervously.

"Where is he now?"

"Rand is en route to Earth."

"Very well, now get out of my sight!" Tasian snarled at the poor man.

"Yes sire!" the man bowed and then ran in terror.

"Ah, General Edwards and Oran how nice of the two of you to join me." Tasian grinned evilly as the two men were led into the room by armed guards.

"Listen you maniac! Taking over this conference is not going to get you near my son!" Michael snarled as he was shoved into a lethal looking chair.

"Why is that General? He is still one of your men is he not?" Tasian wasn't buying any of what Michael was telling him.

"My son resigned two days ago!" Michael smirked at Tasian.

"Your lying and I don't tolerate lies!" he snarled and flipped a switch on his throne.

"Is this supposed to scare me?" Michael frowned as his arms were locked down to the chair.

"Do you like pain, General?" Tasian charged the chair with electricity.

"I'll never talk Tasian, so you might as well kill me." Michael gritted his teeth in pain.

"You may believe that now, but after I am through with you I will

have you begging for mercy and you will tell me everything that I want to know." Tasian increased the power.

"Stop it you maniac! He is telling you the truth!! Keith doesn't work for anyone anymore!!" Oran lost it when his friend cried out in agony.

"Another lie?" Tasian turned his attention to Oran. "I guess that I will also have to teach you a lesson."

"Damn it Tasian! The only reason that we fell into your trap in the first place was to lure Keith back into our good graces!!" Oran roared at him.

"You and that flawless face of yours. Let us see if we can do a little damage to it." Tasian punched Oran across the bridge of his nose.

"I will never betray my son!" Oran did not even flinch when Tasian punched him again. "You will never break me!!"

"I will break you just as Shaitan broke little Myria." Tasian laughed evilly when he saw that Oran had no idea what he was talking about.

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\_\*My baby!!\*\_ "You are lying Tasian!! Myria is fine!!" Oran winced as he was punched in the ribs.

"Why if it had not been for Sheena, Shaitan would have deflowered young and innocent little Myria." Tasian was enjoying tormenting him.

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\_\*Why didn't Keith tell me!\*\_ "Your lying Tasian!" Oran growled hoarsely.

"Am I or is your son hiding the truth from his fragile old man. Face it my friend I have broken you by simply telling you the truth." Tasian finished his taunting by landing a knockout blow to Oran's jaw.

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\_\*Well kiddo if you are going to rescue us it had better be soon or there won't be anything left to save.\*\_ Michael thought as the pain finally knocked him out.

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[Ten hours later the dark side of Earth's moon]

"Okay people you have exactly ten minutes to get into position! Everyone check in!" Keith ordered.

"Red lion is at point Alpha."

"Blue lion is at point Beta."

"Green lion is at point Delta."

Yellow lion is at point Gamma."

"Let's do this people and I don't want any crazy heroics. We are going to do this by the numbers." Keith was wearing a red and black ninja uniform.

"Ready hotshot?" Sheena asked him as he joined her on her ship.

"Yeah red, just one last minute situation to check on." he made a call to Allura.

"Just pretend that I am not here."

Yeah right Red, like that is even possible." Keith teased her ignoring Sheena's lethal glare.

"As if you could forget who? Keith Michael?" Allura's face frowned at him from the screen.

"Nothing important sweetness, now how are you and our little miracles?"

"They are all just fine, Keith. I am the one who cannot seem to get comfortable enough to get any rest." Allura groaned as one of the babies kicked her.

"What's wrong Allura Danielle Edwards and don't tell me nothing." Keith sensed that she was hiding something from him.

"Nothing, my back aches and the babies are just very active today." she tried not to upset him.

"Listen babe, that headset on the nightstand is a direct link to me, so if anything happens use it."

"Yes sir and I need you to do something for me."

"Name it."

"Come back to me in one piece." she ordered tears were streaming down her face.

"And let you go through the joys of labor alone? Never." he teased her.

"You have two days mister!! I am holding you to your word."

"Yes sweetheart, I love you." he blew her a kiss.

"I love you to. I just wish that I was home." she pouted.

"I know that honey, but it is for the best and Mom will take good care of you."

"I know that and I love your mother, but i just miss my own bed." she whimpered.

"Sorry babe, but this is the way that it has to be." Keith longed to hold her in his arms.

"Bye we love you darling." Allura knew that he needed to focus on the mission.

"Love you too sweetheart, remember to use that headset at the first sign of any pain." he ordered her image as it began to fade away.

"We have arrived fearless leader." Sheena grinned at him.

"Did anyone spot us?" Keith was now all business.

"Nope we landed right under their noses."

"Stay alert people and take out anyone who even tries to alert Tasian of our arrival." he pulled his mask over his face and was now ready to kick some major butt!!

"Team A take out the main power supply. You have exactly 30 minutes." on his command six ninja's vanished.

"Team B will take out any of the guards, so be alert and remember let no one see you." Sheena ordered.

"Our team will free the leaders and nail Tasian, now let's get into position." Keith, Sheena and Liam all checked their weapons.

"I hope that Hunk and the others are doing all right up there." Sheena glanced up at the moon in the sky.

"They are pro's at this Red, and will come out of this without a scratch." Keith only wished that he could believe that little line that he had just told Sheena_. *Lance had better not do anything stupid.* _

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\_ \*Why do I even listen to our fearless leader!\*\_ "Remind me to kill our fearless leader the next time that he has another one of his brainstorms!" Lance snarled as Red Lion dodged a missile that the moon base had just fired at him.

"Don't sweat it Lance. Cass and Pidge should have the moon base free any second now." Hunk shot down another missile,

"At least the other two teams aren't attacking us." Lance sighed in relief just as the two Voltron's made their appearance.

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\_ \*Oh!! Shit!!\*\_ "Lance!! Shut Up!!" Hunk snarled as he prepared to meet his maker.

"Hey guys! Need any help?" a reply came across the airwaves.

"Don't answer them Hunk! It could be a trap!" Lance used a secure channel to talk to Hunk.

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\_\*Oh great Lance is having another power trip!\*\_ "Contrary to what you guys may be thinking. We are here to help." Jeff tried to contact Lance again.

"Cass! Pidge! What the hell is going on down there!? Are the two of you okay?!"

"We've just finished deprogramming the base's security system and we used a sleep grenade to put everyone on the base asleep. There should be no one will be firing on you anymore." Pidge reported from Green Lion.

"Then why are Hunk and I are being surrounded by Voltron's one and two?!" Lance wanted some answers.

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\_\*Oh great my sweetie is losing it!\*\_ "Lance, the two robots were never captured and have been hiding on the dark side of this moon!" Cassie informed him.

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\_\*Thank you Cassie!\*\_ "Now that we have cleared that up. Where is Black lion?" Jeff wanted to know why Keith was missing. "Is Keith okay?!"

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\_\*Gotcha!!\*\_ "You are slipping Jeff, if you really were on the moon's dark side then you would already know where Black lion is!" Lance activated his lion's new weapon's system.

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\_\*Oh great!! Lance is trigger happy today!\*\_ "Lance before you do something stupid like blowing us all away! I want you to remember one tiny little detail!! No one can see anything on the dark side of the moon!! Especially someone landing a Black Lion!!!!" Mark was trying to make Lance see reason.

"Land or I take out Ginger and Todd. Then our team will be the only one able to form Voltron!" Lance was dead serious.

"Now Lance, we don't want to hurt you." Jeff growled.

"Koran equipped my lion with a new weapon. It searches for a weak spot on an enemy craft and then destroys that area." Lance was having a major power trip.

"Lance just lost it big brother!" Cassie hissed into the Com on her wrist.

"Is the base secure?" came Keith's sharp reply.

"Yes the base is secure, but lance is not convinced that Jeff and mark are on our side." she hissed back.

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\_\*Great this is just great!!!\*\_ "Patch me through to Jeff." Keith ordered softly.

"No problem big brother anytime that you are ready.."

"Jeff? Its Keith if you don't land now, Lance will use his new toy and then my team will be the only Voltron Force." Keith was deadly serious.

"Roger that Keith, everyone land now." Jeff ordered.

"Am I good or what!" Lance was very pleased with himself.

"I'd say or what!" Cassie sighed into her Com as she landed next to the two Voltron's.

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"What was that all about?" Sheena hissed as they made their way into G.G. headquarters.

"Lance was having a little power trip, but I took care of it." he hissed back.

"We are being followed. "Sheena felt Rand nearby.

"Right on schedule." Keith touched a button on his wrist.

"Looks like he's having trouble breathing." she glanced over at Rand who was grabbing at the collar around his throat.

"Time to vanish, Shea." Keith grinned.

"But it was just getting interesting! He was starting to turn blue." they left Rand laying on the floor and gasping for air.

"He is a dead man!!" Rand wheezed when the collar was finally deactivated.

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"Sire!! We have lost all our main power!!" his aide ran into the dimly lit room that was only lit by emergency power.

"Tell me something that I don't already know, like who did it!" he grabbed the poor man by the neck lifting him off the floor.

"You are dead Tasian." Michael growled, but then cried out in agony when he was given another jolt from the chair.

"I do not think so General." Tasian snarled.

"Then allow me to repeat what my father just said!!! You are so dead Tasian!!" Keith's voice echoed in the room.

"Show yourself, so that I can dismember you and send the pieces back to your wife!" Tasian snarled.

"If anyone is going anywhere in pieces I would say that it is going to be you!! I took down Zarcon and I can damn well stop you!!" Keith had still not appeared before him.

"Face it old man we have won." Sheena taunted him.

"Make one move towards anyone in this room and both of them will die!" Tasian held up a device for Keith to see.

"Games over Tasian, I win." Keith stood directly behind him and had him in a headlock in seconds; while Sheena kicked the device out of his hand. "Smash it Red!" Keith shouted at her.

"Already done!" Sheena crushed the device with the heel of her boot.

"Thank you young lady." Michael growled hoarsely relieved that the pain had finally stopped.

"Call off the men that you just sent for or you will lose the ability to breathe." Keith tightened his hold on Tasian's neck.

"You're bluffing!"

"Am I? Those two men that you've been hurting are my fathers, the girl that you sent Rand to kill was my sister, and lastly the girl that Shaitan almost raped was my baby sister!!! So, if you really want to die you monster please continue!!"

"Your insane!!" Tasian gasped for air.

"Son remember the last time that you were in a red haze? You really hurt Lotor and Allura was the only one who was able to calm you down." Michael growled hoarsely.

"Allura isn't here and he deserves to die!" Keith was so tired of being taunted and targeted by every creep in the galaxy. "You aren't worth it." he released his hold and Tasian fell to his knee's gasping for air.

Rand took that moment to spring his attack on Keith. They both ended sprawled on the floor. "I will take great pride in tearing you apart!" Rand snarled at him.

"Not even on your best day!" Keith flipped him off him.

"Let's see if you have earned the right to wear that uniform!" Rand attacked him with a series of lightning quick attacks.

Keith easily blocked him move for move. "Slow Rand, really slow." he taunted as he counteracted with some even deadlier attacks of his own.

"That maybe Keith, but then I never play by the rules!" he fingered a lethal looking razor sharp star in his hands.

"Neither do I when it comes to taking down creeps like you!" Keith

activated Rand's collar.

"I will tear you apart for this!!" Rand snarled as the collar tightened around his throat. He used the star to cut it off.

Keith had turned to knock Tasian unconscious having sensed him about to attack him.

Rand had enough and was seriously in the mood to slice him in two. "I am going to kill you and then I am going to go after your beautiful wife!" he ignited his laser sword.

"No one ever threatens my wife!" Keith glared murderously at Rand, as he also ignited his sword.

"Let's see how well that you fight when you are blind!" Rand threw some blinding powder at Keith's face.

"My eyes!!" Keith snarled in agony as the dust burned his eyes.

"Now who is in control hero!" Rand landed blow after blow on Keith's defenseless form.

"Keith remember what my Dad taught you. You do not need sight to fight your enemy!" Sheena was busy fighting Tasian's men, so she could not help her friend.

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A warning blared from Keith's headset followed by Ally's frantic cry for him to come home. "Keith Michael Edwards!! Your time is up!! I want you here now!!" she screamed in his ears.

"Ally!!" Keith was now fighting back matching Rand blow for blow, kick for kick.

"Maybe you are a worthy opponent after all." Rand barely blocked a bone crushing kick to his midsection.

"The fight ends now!" Keith snarled spin kicking him across the face sending him sprawling unconscious to the floor.

"Son what's wrong?" Oran tried to get up but he was still bound to his chair.

"Allura is in labor!!" Keith shouted as he raced out of the room. \_\*Now we will see if the auto pilot in my lion really works.\*\_ he touched another button on his wrist.

"I am on my way angel." he growled into his Com link with Ally.

"You had better be on your way or you are a dead man!!" Allura screamed back.

"Now calm down love and begin you're breathing exercises." Keith instructed her.

"Shove it Keith!! This is all your fault!!!" she snarled back.

Keith was surprised to see that Black lion was already sitting outside waiting for him\_. \*That was quick\*\_ Black lion roared down at him. "Easy big guy I am on my way to Allura." he jumped into his lion and immediately took off for Zaire. "I'm coming honey!"

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"Hey you, guys listen to this!" Cassie patched them into Keith and Ally's conversation.

"Breathe Allura, breath." Keith coached her.

"Making love is not worth this kind of agony!!" she snarled back.

"That's not what you thought almost nine months ago when you attacked me in my room." Keith teased wincing when she screamed even louder at him.

"Why you!!!" she hissed.

"That's it baby stay mad at me , focus on how angry you are at me."

"Ally's in labor!!! It's been real guys, but we are out of here!!" Lance took off after Black lion.

"Hey wait up Lance!!" Pidge shouted.

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"I want Keith!!" Allura whimpered at the two women sitting next to her bed.

"He's coming Ally." Myria bathed Allura's face with a cool cloth.

"I want Keith here and i want him her now!!" she burst into tears as another contraction rocked her body.

"You have to clam down Ally." Myria begged her sister-in-law.

"Allura this is not good for you or for your babies." Zandra tried to calm her down.

"I'll try Zandra, but its very hard to relax when I am this uncomfortable!" she groaned falling back against the pillows as the contraction finally began to subside.

"That's my girl and please call me Mom." she squeezed Allura's hand.

"Hey Ally! Guess who just landed." Myria grinned looking out the window to see her brother leap from his lion and then race for the palace.

"Is he here!" Allura sighed in relief when Myria nodded.

"Hey! did I miss anything?" Keith ran into the room.

"What are you wearing!?" Allura snarled reaching up to yank the mask off his face.

"What? Don't you approve of my new look?" he brought her hand up to his lips and kissed it.

"Your face! What happened to you?!" Allura asked as she traced the new bruises on his face with her fingers.

"You should see the other guy." he joked with her, only almost to cry out in agony when she grabbed his hand in a death grip, as another contraction rocked her body. "Just keep doing you're breathing and we will get through this one." he coached her ignoring the fact that his hand was now numb.

"I want you to know, that I am never sleeping with you again!" she gasped in pain.

"We'll talk about that later, now focus on our babies. I bet that they are going to be identical versions of their momma." Keith bent down to kiss her on her forehead.

"Are you two ready to become parents?" Dr. Stevens came into the room with his nurses and got ready to deliver the babies.

"Just please tell me that I can push!!" Allura whimpered.

"Keith get behind her and we will get this show going." the doctor instructed him. "Okay Allura I want you to bear down and push as hard as you can."

"I'm trying." she groaned.

"Come on love you can do this." Keith coached her.

"I can see a little blonde hared head." the doctor looked up at them.

"Here goes." she gritted her teeth, pushed as hard as she could and baby number one let out it's first cry for attention.

"It's a baby girl!" the doctor exclaimed handing the baby to one of his nurses. "Way to go mom. Now there's only two more to go."

"Come on angel, you can do this." Keith had tears streaming down his face eyes he looked over at his tiny baby girl.

Five minutes later baby number two was born. "We've got another girl only this one is a red head. Last one kiddo and then you can rest." the doctor smiled at her.

"Come on kid give your poor mom a break." Allura used all her remaining strength to bring her third child into the world, and her cry was the loudest of all.

"Congratulations! You two are now the proud parent of three adorable baby girls!" Dr. Stevens smiled at them.

"Oh Allura, they are so beautiful and perfect. I am so proud of you." Keith set one girl in Ally's arms.

"Hello there little one. I am your Mommy and that bruised and battered man over there is your Daddy, but do not worry he usually looks much better than that." she cooed down at the sleeping infant in her arms.

"Let Daddy take the red head, while you feed the screaming blonde." Keith traded his sleeping daughter, for the screaming bundle in his arms.

"Is mamma's little angel hungry?" she gave Keith a I need a little privacy look.

"Yes well, we will leave the five of you alone." the doctor and nurses left the room.

"Now mom what are we going to name our little princess's." he kissed the downy hair of his raven-hared bundle of joy.

"Well, let's start with the A's. How about Alexandra, Ariel and Andromeda?"

"Alex, Ari, and Andy?" Keith tested the names out loud.

"At least they aren't completely identical." Allura smiled as she burped her daughter.

"We have a blonde, a red head and an adorable raven hared angel." he sighed happily.

"Let's see our red head should be called Ariel Elizabeth, our blonde will be called Alexandra Danielle and our raven hared little angel will be named Andromeda Marie." Allura cradled Alex in her arms.

"Our audience has fallen asleep. 'Keith chuckled softly, as he placed Ariel and Andy into their separate bassinet's.

"Here you go Dad. I think that Alex wants to join her sisters." Allura let Keith take Alex out of her arms and then drifted off to sleep.

"Goodnight little ones." Keith smiled down at his daughters. "Sleep well my darling, I am so very proud of you." Keith bent down and kissed Allura before leaving them all to their nap.

"Did we miss anything?" Cassie grabbed Keith by the arm.

"Ouch Cass! Lay off the arm and yes for your information I am now the proud father of three wonderful baby girls." Keith announced to them before he collapsed to the floor.

"Speak to me big brother!" Cassie knelt beside him.

"Cass? What did you do to Keith?" Lance ran over to check Keith.



"He was telling me that he was the proud father of three baby girls and then he just passed out!" Cassie tried not to panic, as Lance checked him for injuries.

"Go get Dr.Stevens Cass." Lance picked up his friend and carried him into one of the exam rooms. "He was fighting Rand. I think that he has a few bruised ribs and a broken wrist."

"Don't worry son, I've patched him up a few times. He is going to be just fine." Dr.Stevens reassured Lance.

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[a few hours later]

"Keith?" Allura asked softly curling her fingers through his hair.

"Hmm?" Keith groaned sleepily.

"How did you end up all bandaged up and in bed?" she pulled the sheet away from his chest exposing his taped chest and he had a cast on his wrist.

"Last thing that I remember was talking to Cass and then everything went black." he mumbled sleepily, but then all but sat straight up when he heard one baby begin to cry for attention.

"It's okay silly, Cassie has not taken her eyes off them since they were brought to the beautiful nursery, that mom had made for them." Allura kissed him softly on his cheek.

"How long have you been awake?" Keith tried to sit up, but Allura pushed him back down against the pillows.

"I've been up for a while, I am the one that has to feed our angels." she propped more pillows behind her, as Andy was brought to her by her doting grandmother.

"Andromeda wanted to see her Mommy and Daddy." she cooed down at her little granddaughter, before she carefully set her in Allura's arms.

"Mom? Have you heard anything from Dad or the General?" Keith winced when his mother gave him a nasty look.

"Relax Keith Michael, Michael and your father were released from the base hospital and are on their way here." she reached down to brush the hair out of her son's eyes.

"What did he say?" Keith asked not wanting to hear the answer to his question.

"Well, their moods were somewhat hostile towards you, considering the fact that you left them still trapped in those chairs." Zandra glared at her son.

"I could have left them to handle this crisis alone, you know." Keith muttered under his breath.

"Son, the only reason that they fell for Tasian's trap in the first place, was to get you to come to your senses!"

"Mother they both lied to me, so I had every right to do what I did." Keith growled.

"At the cost of several of your friends lives, not to mention your fathers' and Michael's as well?!" Zandra was furious with him.

"No one was killed." Keith snarled wincing in pain when he tried to sit up.

"You were willing to risk the lives of Romelle, Sven, because you were angry at your father and Michael!"

"Romelle and Sven!" Allura was not at all pleased.

"Now see what you've done mother!! Listen honey, the only reason why I didn't say who the other hostages were was because the stress would have caused harm to you and our babies." Keith tried to defend himself, but Allura continued to fume at him.

"You are off the hook for now mister, but if you ever hold information like that from me again! I will deck you!" she placed Andy on her shoulder to burp her.

"Hold on a second Allura!! I almost died trying to save my father's!! I had no weapon, could barely see my enemy and i have got the guts to admit that I almost got myself killed and I have the broken, bruised and cracked body parts to prove it!" he snarled at the two women who were now suddenly speechless.

"You were almost killed?" Allura whimpered as she cradled Andy in her arms.

"Yes and the only thing that saved me was my love for you and our babies. I was almost defeated and then you ordered me back home." Keith took Andy from Allura and cradled her tiny body against his chest.

"Gurgleâ€|gurgle.." Andy babbled banging her tiny fists against his chest. Her matching amber eyes stared up at him in wonder.

"Well hello there Andromeda. Did our argument wake you up?" Keith cooed down at his daughter.

She responded by grabbing a lock of hair on his chest.

"Ouch!! Listen angel, Daddy's hurt enough as it is!" he winced as she continued to pull happily on his chest.

"She sure has a way of claiming what is hers." Allura giggled and went to take Andy back, only to have her scream in protest.

"Ow!! I think that I am stuck with her for a while. She seems to have taken a liking to my body." he winked at his wife.

"Oh Keith, you sure do have a way with the girls!" his Mother laughed leaving the room.

"Very funny, Mom!" Keith shouted after her.

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Michael and Oran each cuddled a grandbaby in their arms.

"He's hiding." Oran growled. "He has ever reason to hide." Oran set Ariel back in her crib. "He did do well though and so did Allura."

Michael set Ariel back in her crib." They are so perfect." Michael agreed as they left the nursery.

"I wonder where the third little angel is?"

"Look." Michael peeked into Keith and Allura's room and saw Andy cuddled against her father's chest.

"We'll hurt him later." they both agreed and left Keith, Allura and Andy to their nap.

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